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HOUSE BILL 2430

AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 15-213.01, 34-452, 34-454, 34-455 AND 34-456, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO ENERGY COST SAVING MEASURES.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona: Section 1. Section 15-213.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

15-213.01. <u>Procurement practices: guaranteed energy cost</u> savings contracts: definitions

- A. Notwithstanding section 15-213, subsection A, a school district may contract for the procurement of a guaranteed energy cost savings contract with a qualified provider through a competitive sealed proposal process as provided by the procurement practices adopted by the state board of education. To the extent the qualified provider subcontracts with contractors who will be involved in any construction associated with the guaranteed energy cost savings contract, the qualified provider must follow the provisions of section 41-2533 in selecting these contractors.
- B. A school district may enter into a guaranteed energy cost savings contract with a qualified provider if it determines that the amount it would spend on the energy cost savings measures recommended in the proposal would not exceed the amount to be saved in energy and operational costs OVER THE EXPECTED LIFE OF THE ENERGY COST SAVINGS MEASURES IMPLEMENTED OR within $\frac{\text{ten}}{\text{TWENTY-FIVE}}$ years, WHICHEVER IS SHORTER, after the date installation or implementation is complete, if the recommendations in the proposal are followed.
- C. The school district shall use objective criteria in selecting the qualified provider including the cost of the contract, the energy and operational cost savings, the net projected energy savings, the quality of the technical approach, the quality of the project management plan, the financial solvency of the qualified provider and the experience of the qualified provider with projects of similar size and scope. The school district shall set forth each criterion with its respective numerical weighting in the request for proposal.
- D. In selecting a contractor to perform any construction work related to performing the guaranteed energy cost savings contract, the qualified provider may develop and use a prequalification process for contractors wishing to bid on this work. These prequalifications may require the contractor to demonstrate that the contractor is adequately bonded to perform the work and that the contractor has not failed to perform on a prior job. The qualified provider may use performance specifications in soliciting bids from contractors.
- E. An in-depth feasibility study shall be performed by the selected qualified provider in order to establish the exact scope of the guaranteed energy cost savings contract, the fixed cost savings guarantee amount and the methodology for determining actual savings. This report shall be reviewed and approved by the school district prior to the actual installation of any equipment. The qualified provider shall transmit a copy of the approved in-depth feasibility study to the superintendent of public instruction.

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- F. The guaranteed energy savings contract shall require that a qualified provider perform an energy audit of the facility or facilities one year after the energy cost savings measures are installed or implemented and every three years thereafter for the length of the contract. The qualified provider shall transmit a copy of the audit to the superintendent of public instruction. The qualified provider shall pay the cost of the audit. In determining whether the projected energy savings calculations have been met, the energy or operational cost savings shall be computed by comparing the energy baseline before installation or implementation of the energy cost savings measures with the energy consumed and operational costs avoided after installation or implementation of the energy cost savings measures. The qualified provider and the school district may agree to make modifications to the energy baseline only for any of the following:
 - 1. Changes in utility rates.
 - 2. Changes in the number of days in the utility billing cycle.
 - 3. Changes in the square footage of the facility.
 - 4. Changes in the operational schedule of the facility.
 - 5. Changes in facility temperature.
 - 6. Significant changes in the weather.
- 7. Significant changes in the amount of equipment or lighting utilized in the facility.
- G. The information to develop the energy baseline shall be derived from actual energy measurements or shall be calculated from energy measurements at the facility where energy cost savings measures are to be installed or implemented. The measurements shall be taken in the year preceding the installation or implementation of energy cost savings measures.
- H. When submitting a proposal for the installation of equipment, the qualified provider shall include information on the projected energy savings associated with each proposed energy cost savings measure.
- I. A school district, or two or more school districts, may enter into an installment payment contract or lease-purchase agreement with a qualified provider for the purchase and installation or implementation of energy cost savings measures. The guaranteed energy cost savings contract may provide for payments over a period of not more than THE EXPECTED LIFE OF THE ENERGY COST SAVINGS MEASURES IMPLEMENTED OR ten TWENTY-FIVE years, WHICHEVER IS SHORTER. The contract shall provide that all payments, except obligations on termination of the contract before its expiration, shall be made over time.
- J. The guaranteed energy cost savings contract shall include a written guarantee of the qualified provider that either the energy or operational costs savings, or both, will meet or exceed the costs of the energy cost savings measures OVER THE EXPECTED LIFE OF THE ENERGY COST SAVINGS MEASURES IMPLEMENTED OR within ten TWENTY-FIVE years, WHICHEVER IS SHORTER. The qualified provider shall reimburse the school district for any shortfall of guaranteed energy cost savings on an annual basis.

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- K. The school district may obtain any required financing as part of the original competitive sealed proposal process.
- L. A qualified provider that is awarded the contract shall give a sufficient bond to the school district for its faithful performance of the equipment installment.
- M. When selecting subcontractors to perform construction work, the qualified provider is required to make public information in the subcontractor's bids only if the qualified provider is awarded the guaranteed energy savings contract by the school district.
 - N. This section does not apply to the construction of new buildings.
 - O. For the purposes of this section:
- 1. "Construction" means the process of building, altering, repairing, improving or demolishing any school district structure or building, or other public improvements of any kind to any school district real property. Construction does not include the routine operation, routine repair or routine maintenance of existing structures, buildings or real property.
- 2. "Energy baseline" means a calculation of the amount of energy used in an existing facility before the installation or implementation of the energy cost savings measures.
- 3. "Energy cost savings measure" means a training program or facility alteration designed to reduce energy consumption or operating costs and may include one or more of the following:
 - (a) Insulating the building structure or systems in the building.
- (b) Storm windows or doors, caulking or weather stripping, multi-glazed windows or door systems, additional glazing, reductions in glass area, or other window and door system modifications that reduce energy consumption.
 - (c) Automated or computerized energy control systems.
- (d) Heating, ventilating or air conditioning system modifications or replacements.
- (e) Replacing or modifying lighting fixtures to increase the energy efficiency of the lighting system without increasing the overall illumination of a facility unless an increase in illumination is necessary to conform to the applicable state or local building code for the lighting system after the proposed modifications are made.
- (f) Indoor air quality improvements to increase air quality that conform to the applicable state or local building code requirements.
 - (g) Energy recovery systems.
 - (h) Installing a new or retrofitting an existing day lighting system.
- (i) Any life safety measures that provide long-term operating cost reductions and that comply with state and local codes.
- (j) Implementing operation programs through education, training and software that reduce the operating costs.
- 4. "Guaranteed energy cost savings contract" means a contract for implementing one or more energy cost savings measures.

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- 5. "Operational savings" means reductions in actual budget line items currently being expended or savings realized from the implementation or installation of energy cost savings measures.
- 6. "Qualified provider" means a person or a business experienced in designing, implementing or installing energy cost savings measures.
 - Sec. 2. Section 34-452, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 34-452. Solar design standards for state buildings; energy life cycle costing
- A. Capital projects as defined in section 41-790 including buildings designed and constructed by the department of administration, school districts, community college districts and universities and containing over six thousand square feet shall include a written evaluation of the following solar energy features:
 - 1. Proper site orientation.
- 2. Utilization of active and passive solar energy systems for space heating.
 - 3. Utilization of solar water heating.
- 4. Utilization of solar daylighting devices as defined in section 44-1761.
- B. Energy life cycle costing shall be used to evaluate all solar energy and energy conservation design, equipment and materials that are considered for constructing new state buildings and in the scheduled remodeling of existing state buildings. Solar energy and energy conservation design, equipment and materials shall be used if the simple payback is eight years or less. If the useful life of a product is less than eight years, the simple payback shall be equal to or less than the useful life of the product.
 - C. The department of commerce energy office shall:
- 1. For each of the eight fiscal years after completion of the project, determine energy and cost avoidance for solar energy and energy conservation design, equipment and materials installed in state buildings, using monitoring verification standards that are accepted by the United States department of energy. Energy and cost avoidance amounts shall be based on preinstallation or preconstruction baseline energy usage versus energy usage after solar and other energy and resource efficient design, materials or equipment are incorporated into the state building.
- 2. Prior to calculating the energy and cost avoidance amounts, present its methodology for doing so to the joint legislative budget committee for review.
- 3. Report the amount determined in paragraph 1 of this subsection to the governor's office of strategic planning and budgeting and the joint legislative budget committee.
- D. The legislature shall appropriate from the fund or funds from which the maintenance and operation budget is derived the amount of the annual cost avoidance for each of the first eight fiscal years after completion of the project as follows:

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1. Until the amount of the cumulative annual cost avoidance is equal to the simple payback, no money shall be appropriated.

2. When the amount of the cumulative annual cost avoidance is greater than the simple payback, the appropriation is as follows:

(a) Forty per cent to the budget unit that operates the building to be used in the next fiscal year either to procure energy related equipment, supplies, disposal costs and capital improvements approved by the chief administrative officer of the agency or agencies and consistent with state and federal law or for purposes of any of the budget unit's programs as prescribed by law.

(b) Twenty per cent to the department of commerce for use by the energy office for verification and monitoring of energy conservation measures, project identification and implementation technical assistance.

E. The amounts prescribed by subsection D of this section are intended to supplement and not supplant any appropriation for energy conservation projects. These amounts shall be identified by footnote or other designation in the budget process as resulting from energy saving projects.

Sec. 3. Section 34-454, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 34-454. Establishment and use of life cycle cost methods and procedures; definition

- A. The director of the department of administration, in consultation with the department of commerce, shall establish practical and effective present value methods for estimating and comparing life cycle costs for state capital projects, using the sum of all capital and operating expenses associated with the energy system of the building involved over the expected life of the system or during a period of fifteen TWENTY-FIVE years, whichever is shorter, and using average fuel costs and a discount rate determined by the director. The director shall develop and prescribe the procedures to be followed in applying and implementing the methods and procedures established by this subsection.
- B. The design of new capital projects and the application of energy conservation measures to existing capital projects shall be made using life cycle cost methods and procedures established pursuant to subsection A.
- C. In leasing buildings preference shall be given to buildings which minimize life cycle costs.
- D. For the purposes of this section, "life cycle cost" means the total cost of owning, operating and maintaining a building over its useful life, including such costs as fuel, energy, labor and replacement components determined on the basis of a systematic evaluation and comparison of alternative building systems, except that in the case of leased buildings, the life cycle costs shall be calculated over the effective remaining term of the lease.

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Sec. 4. Section 34-455, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 34-455. <u>Performance contracting: definitions</u>

A. The department of administration shall develop and implement a program to enter into performance contracts solely for the purpose of achieving energy savings as measured in dollars and benefits ancillary to that purpose. Each contract may be for a period of not more than THE EXPECTED LIFE OF THE ENERGY SAVINGS MEASURES IMPLEMENTED OR **fifteen** TWENTY-FIVE years, WHICHEVER IS SHORTER. The contract shall provide that the contractor bear ENERGY AND OPERATIONAL SAVINGS GENERATED COVER all costs, AFTER ACCOUNTING FOR ANY FINANCIAL INCENTIVES OR ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY UTILITIES, associated with implementation of energy conservation measures to include audits, design equipment, purchase and installation, metering, interest on monies borrowed and training, and the contract shall include contractor profit. The contractor shall recover an amount not to exceed the summation of these costs and the agreed upon profit. Energy dollar savings realized as a result of a performance contract under this section shall be shared at a negotiated rate between the state and the contractor, until such time as the contractor has recovered the amount specified in the contract, at which time all savings shall accrue to the state. Interest rates charged on each contract shall be mutually agreed upon by the department of administration and the contractor. Contracts shall contain contingency provisions agreed upon by the department and the contractor for cases where measured energy dollar savings do not meet predicted energy dollar savings.

- B. For the purposes of this section: —
- 1. "COMBINED HEAT AND POWER" MEANS ANY SYSTEM THAT SIMULTANEOUSLY OR SEQUENTIALLY GENERATES BOTH ELECTRIC OR MECHANICAL ENERGY AND USEFUL THERMAL ENERGY USING THE SAME UNIT OF FUEL.
- 2. "Energy dollar savings" means a reduction in the cost of energy, from a base energy cost established through a methodology set forth in the contract, utilized in an existing or new state owned or leased building as a result of either:
- 1. (a) The lease or purchase of operating equipment BY THE STATE OR CONTRACTOR, improvements MADE, altered operation and maintenance, technical services PROVIDED or renewable energy sources UTILIZED.
- $\frac{2}{2}$. (b) The increased efficient use of existing energy sources by cogeneration $\frac{2}{2}$ of heat recovery OR COMBINED HEAT AND POWER.
 - Sec. 5. Section 34-456, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 34-456. <u>Use of energy savings; definitions</u>
- A. Fifty per cent of the amount of after-contract cost savings realized by the department of administration for that year from contracts entered into pursuant to section 34-455 shall remain available without further appropriation to undertake additional energy conservation measures. Funds generated as a result of these contracts shall be known as "energy conservation funds". The department shall use the energy conservation funds to implement additional energy conservation measures in state facilities.

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The department shall keep a separate accounting of these after-contract cost savings and provide an annual report to the speaker of the house of representatives, the president of the senate and the governor detailing account balances, amounts spent on additional conservation measures, energy and dollar savings accrued as a result of expenditures from the fund and projected utilization of the funds. These funds shall not be subject to the provisions of section 35-190.

- B. For the purposes of this section:
- 1. "After-contract cost savings" means the portion of energy dollar savings for that year that $\frac{\text{remain}}{\text{costs}}$ REMAINS after all performance contract costs are paid for that year.
- 2. "COMBINED HEAT AND POWER" HAS THE SAME MEANING PRESCRIBED IN SECTION 34-455.
- 2. 3. "Energy conservation measures" means measures that are applied to a state building that improve energy efficiency and are life cycle cost effective and involve energy conservation, cogeneration facilities, renewable energy sources, improvements in operations, COMBINED HEAT AND POWER and maintenance efficiencies or retrofit activities.

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